

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

LYELL C. KINNEY.....President
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OFFICIAL NOTICES

The next meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, at 8 p. m., Sunday, April 26, 1931, room 126.

Daily meetings during the annual session will be held thereafter by the Council in Room 126, first floor.

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Nineteen Thirty-One Annual Session Headquarters

Fairmont Hotel.—Headquarters for the next annual session, to be held at San Francisco April 27 to 30, 1931, will be the Fairmont Hotel.

The Fairmont has quoted the following rates for rooms, all with baths:

Single rooms, opening on large inner court, \$4.
Double rooms, opening on large inner court, \$6.
Single outside rooms with city and marine view, \$6.
Double outside rooms with city and marine view, \$8.
Double outside rooms with city and marine view, \$10.

You are advised to make your reservations at once.

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This Is the Last Issue Which Will Be Mailed to Delinquent Members

If *you* are among those on the "delinquent" membership list of the State Association, you should get

* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellany.

in touch with the secretary-treasurer of your county medical society immediately. Prompt payment of dues will insure the continuance of the JOURNAL, as well as other organization advantages.

In compliance with federal postal regulations the names of all unpaid members must be removed from the JOURNAL mailing list after this April issue appears.

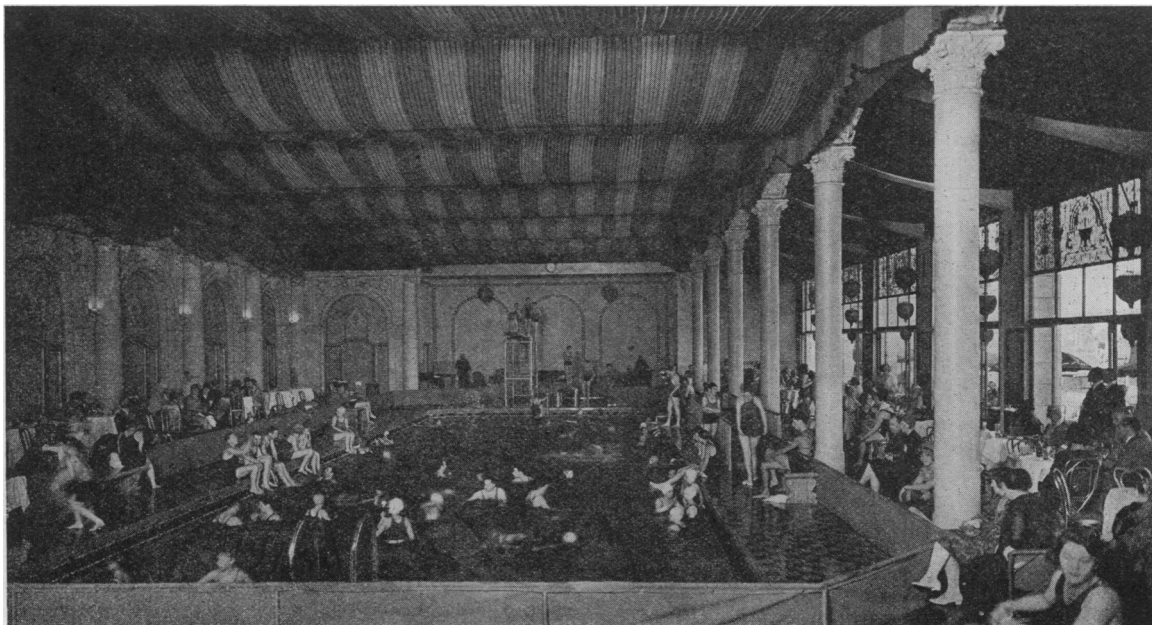
Membership dues for 1931 were due on or before January 1. This obligation was met promptly by a large percentage of the members. As a courtesy to those few who, through neglect or oversight, have thus far failed to pay their 1931 dues, the JOURNAL has been mailed for the first four months of this calendar year. See California Medical Association constitution and by-laws, Chapter X, Section 1, and Chapter II, Section 2.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held jointly with the Contra Costa County Dental Association in Richmond on March 10. The minutes of the previous meeting, held in Martinez, were read and approved. A letter from the American College of Surgeons, calling the members' attention to the coming meeting in Oakland, was read. At the request of the State Association the following members were appointed by the chair to serve on the committee to compile a history of the county society: L. St. John Hely, P. C. Campbell, U. S. Abbott, and C. R. Blake, all of Richmond. The secretary made a report of the meeting in Oakland on March 9, held jointly with the Alameda County Society, at which the president of the State Association, Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, was honored. The president's message was conveyed to the members and elicited a great deal of interest.

Dr. W. A. Rowell, president of the society, next introduced Dr. Clifford Sweet of Oakland, who delivered a paper on "Special Aspects of Dentistry in



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Children." The relationship between physician and dentist in this important work was stressed at great length by the speaker. Physicians were urged to pay more attention to defects of deciduous teeth in their general examination of children. The importance of preserving normal deciduous teeth as long as possible and the bearing of these teeth on the healthful development of the child was illustrated by plaster models, charts, and pathological specimens.

The Dental Association through its president, Dr. L. A. Hewitt, presented Dr. B. E. Lisher of the University of California Dental College, who spoke on "Dental Anomalies." The etiology, diagnosis and treatment of various forms of such anomalies with their influence on facial development was discussed by the speaker and illustrated by a series of lantern slides.

This meeting was one of the most instructive and the best attended that we have had for some time. The Dental Association was very grateful to have an opportunity of hearing the dental problems of children discussed so well by a member of our profession, and the society appreciated the privilege of hearing this all-important subject discussed by a dental expert. Thirty members of the two associations attended this meeting, which was followed by a buffet supper at which the Woman's Auxiliary were guests.

L. H. FRASER, *Secretary*.

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FRESNO COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held at the Californian Hotel March 3, twenty-four members being present.

Applications for memberships were received from Dr. J. M. Humphreys of Madera, Dr. Wayne A. Hunt of Fresno, and Dr. Charles E. Nixon of Fresno.

Dr. N. J. Dau made a preliminary report on the tuberculosis education campaign, and announced that Dr. F. M. Pottenger would probably speak at the next regular meeting.

Invitation from the California-Nevada section of the American College of Surgeons to attend their section meetings was read.

A letter from Librarian Miss Sarah E. McCardle was read and referred to the Library Committee.

Dr. Frank Tillman presented a verbal communication that he had been asked to see if the members of the society would consider the sponsoring of the formation of a clinic by the society of the Mexican Baptist Church.

Doctor Dau moved, seconded by Doctor Jorgensen, that the medical society go on record as opposed to such a clinic, and that they be referred to the clinic at the General Hospital. Motion carried.

Committees for 1931:

Board of Censors—C. M. Vanderburgh, J. H. Pettis, and F. K. Pomeroy.

Committee on Ethics—C. A. James, E. J. Couey, and N. J. Dau.

Committee on Library—G. A. Hare, C. O. Mitchell, and C. D. Collins.

Publicity Committee—J. M. Frawley, A. H. Konigsmacher, and T. F. Madden.

Program Committee—E. R. Scarboro, G. K. Nider, and C. A. James.

Welfare Committee—A. B. Cowan, J. R. Walker, and C. P. H. Kjaerbye.

Membership Committee—E. H. Coleman, G. K. Nider, and H. A. Randel.

Dr. T. F. Madden was nominated for the third delegate to the state convention by Doctor Vanderburgh. Dr. N. Jorgensen was nominated as alternate by Doctor Morgan. Nomination was closed, and election was carried.

Dr. Henry N. Shaw then presented the scientific paper of the evening, illustrated with lantern slides. His subject was "Repair of Cystocele," and he gave some original modifications of the usual operation, particularly designed to save the blood supply.

E. R. SCARBORO, *Secretary*.

NAPA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held Wednesday, February 4, at the Hotel St. Helena, St. Helena. The ladies of the auxiliary were present and joined in the banquet that preceded the meeting of the society.

A committee, consisting of the president, Dr. R. S. Northrop, the secretary, Dr. C. A. Johnson, and Dr. W. L. Blodgett, were selected to assist and advise the auxiliary, who held their meeting at the residence of Doctor Booth of St. Helena.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. R. S. Northrop, president, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Dr. M. M. Booth of St. Helena was elected as delegate to succeed Dr. C. E. Sisson, who has left this county. Dr. C. A. Johnson of Napa was elected alternate.

The program of the evening was conducted by Doctors Gray, McNeil, and Blevins of Woodland Clinic. Doctor Gray spoke briefly upon x-ray therapy in skin diseases. Doctor McNeil, orthopedist, discussed Colle's fracture with especial reference to reduction and after-treatment. Dr. Blevins discussed some recent unusual obstetrical cases, their treatment and prognosis, and also discussed briefly the treatment of eclampsia. Through the courtesy of the Petrolagar Company, motion pictures were shown of the technique of Colle's fracture reduction; also gall bladder and urinary bladder surgery, an interesting and instructive film.

Members present were: E. F. Anderson, W. L. Blodgett, M. M. Booth, A. E. Chappel, G. I. Dawson, C. A. Gregory, C. A. Johnson, A. H. McLish, D. H. Murray, C. E. Nelson, R. S. Northrop, H. W. Vollmer, George Wood.

Doctors E. H. Gray, W. J. Blevins, McNeil, all of Woodland, attended as guests.

C. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

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PLACER COUNTY

The Placer County Medical Society met at a specially called meeting at Auburn, March 5, with the president, Doctor Eveleth, presiding.

There were present the following members: Doctors Eveleth, Peers, Dunievitz, C. C. Briner, Russell, Paul D. Barnes, L. B. Barnes, Fay, Monica, Stoy Briner, Thoren, and McArthur.

Visitors present were: Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, president of the California Medical Association; Dr. J. B. Harris, president-elect of the California Medical Association; Dr. Thomas C. O'Connor, medical superintendent of the Bret Harte Sanatorium; Dr. D. M. Kindopp of Colfax; Doctors Zimmermann, Hale, Schoff, and Scatena of Sacramento; Doctors Cameron and Fraser of Weimar Sanatorium; and Mr. Hartley Peart, general counsel of the California Medical Association.

This being a special meeting, called for the purpose of receiving Dr. Kinney, Dr. Harris, and Mr. Peart, all business matters were omitted.

Doctor Kinney gave a very interesting and instructive address, touching upon the relations between the members of the local units, the delegates, and the state organization; the changed economic conditions now existing which influence very markedly the practice of medicine and the life of the individual physician; the relations which should exist between the county societies and all legislative parties, the press, and the public; and, finally, the necessity that each individual member of the county societies be thoroughly aware of the present attitude toward state medicine.

Following Doctor Kinney's very able and illuminating address, Doctor Harris outlined for the members the various bills now before the legislature having a direct or an indirect bearing on the medical profession. Doctor Harris went into detail regarding several of the more important measures.

Mr. Hartley Peart closed the meeting with a discussion of the relations between the general counsel and the California Medical Association and also between the general counsel and the individual members of the Association. He outlined in detail some of the more important legal problems which have come to him recently for solution and gave the members valuable information regarding the protection given by the State Association, particularly through the Medical Society of the State of California.

Following a general discussion the president thanked the officers for their visit and for the very stimulating and inspiring addresses which they had delivered. Society adjourned for refreshments.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital in San Bernardino, Tuesday, March 3.

The meeting was called to order by the second vice-president at 8:10 p. m. and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The application of Dr. Leonard Daly was passed by unanimous vote.

Delinquent members were notified that delinquency cancels their malpractice insurance.

It was decided that there would be no April meeting, the Southern California Medical Association and the State Association both holding meetings during that month.

The following program of the evening was then given:

Motion picture: "Acute Appendicitis," by Dr. Edward Martin of Philadelphia. Discussion opened by Dr. Carlos Hilliard.

Motion picture: "Flap and Suture Method of Cataract Extraction." Discussion opened by Dr. A. T. Gage on "What the General Practitioner Should Know About Cataract."

General discussion followed, after which refreshments were served.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, February 5, in the Medico-Dental clubrooms at 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and of a special meeting of the board of directors. Both were approved.

A letter was read from the Seventh District Dental Society, Stockton, inviting the medical society to two joint meetings: one on Friday evening, March 27, to hear A. W. Meyer, M. D., of Stanford University, in a lecture on the "Anatomy and Histology of Bone of the Alveolus"; the second on Thursday, April 2, to hear Herman Becks, M. D., D. D. S., of the University of California on the subject, "Pathology of the Mouth and Parodontisms." On motion by Dr. Dewey Powell, duly seconded and carried, it was decided that the San Joaquin County Medical Society would meet on these two evenings with the Dental Society.

There being no further business the scientific program was introduced. Dr. J. J. Frey first talked on the subject, "Milk Technology and Dairy Economy."

The principal speaker of the evening, Dr. Leroy C. Abbott, was then introduced and gave an illustrated lecture on "Treatment of Crippling Conditions in Children."

Three motion-picture reels were shown illustrating the correction of deformity in a variety of conditions.

The first reel showed deformities which occur as a result of infantile paralysis. The patients were shown before and after correction of the various deformities of the upper and lower extremities. Special emphasis was laid on the importance of the prevention of deformity and relaxation of the paralyzed muscles by the proper application of support to the paralyzed limbs early in the course of the disease. It was pointed out that gross deformities develop from lack of proper treatment and that these deformities often require a number of operations for their correction before any reconstructive surgery can be carried out to improve function.

The second reel showed deformities of rickets—extreme bowlegs and after-correction. There were also several cases of extensive burns with severe deformities resulting. These deformities were corrected by operation, which involved the removal of scar, correction of the contractures and the application of skin grafts.

The third reel showed a special procedure, which had been devised by the speaker, for lengthening of the tibia and fibula in cases of marked shortening of the lower extremity. This procedure has been particularly successful in the relief of shortening which was caused by infantile paralysis, congenital malformations, and disease of the hip and knee. The lengthening secured has varied from one and one-half to three inches. There have been some complications, such as fracture through the callus during the healing process and displacements of the upper and lower ends of the fibula which have caused deformities of the foot. These latter are largely prevented by a thorough section of the fascia and interosseous membrane.

It must be emphasized that the procedure is one of very considerable magnitude. The multiple pin wounds, plus wide exposure of the medullary canal of the tibia, offer an excellent chance for the development of severe infections unless the surgeon possesses a most rigid, aseptic technique. Anyone who attempts this procedure must thoroughly familiarize himself with every detail of the method and have had considerable experience in the handling of special mechanical appliances.

The paper was discussed by Doctors Dameron, Sanderson, Wallerius, and Brendel.

The meeting was attended by a group of dairymen interested in the paper of Doctor Frey; also, a group of physicians from Sacramento especially interested in the paper by Doctor Abbott. They were: Doctors Harry Kaimer, Raymond Wallerius, Fred Scatena, Orin Cook, and Frank Brendel. Of the local society the following were in attendance: Doctors Chapman, Marnell, English, Peterson, Gallegos, Thompson, Williamson, Conzelman, Sutton, Hill, Owens, Rohrbacher, Blackmun, Dozier, Vanderleek, Doughty, M. Smyth, Blinn, Johnson, Dameron, B. Powell, Sr., Sanderson, Kaplan, B. Powell, Jr., Van Meter, Sippy, Pinney, D. R. Powell, Krout, and McGurk.

C. A. BROADDUS, *Secretary*.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The annual business meeting of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society was held at Hotel Reseter, Watsonville, on January 8.

Following the routine business of the evening the election of officers for 1931 was held with the following results: J. C. Farmer of Felton, president; O. C. Marshall of Watsonville, first vice-president; J. Harrington of Santa Cruz, second vice-president; S. B. Randall of Santa Cruz, secretary-treasurer. Censors: W. G. Hatch, E. Eiskamp, and A. C. Atwood. Dr. E. Eiskamp was chosen delegate to the state convention and Dr. P. T. Phillips, alternate delegate.

The application for membership of Dr. J. Johannes, who recently opened offices in Santa Cruz, was read and referred to the board of censors.

The March meeting of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Palomar, Santa Cruz, on the evening of March 15, Doctor Farmer presiding.

Dr. Joseph Johannes of Santa Cruz and Dr. S. P. Tipton of Watsonville were voted new members of the society.

Following the routine business of the evening, Dr. Percy T. Phillips read an eulogy to his recent partner and our recently departed member, Dr. Ambrose F. Cowden. It was most fitting for Doctor Phillips to have presented this obituary, as the death of Doctor Cowden terminated an active and happy professional association of twenty-one years' duration. The passing of Doctor Cowden was a distinct loss to the community and the profession.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Chauncey D. Leake of the department of pharmacology, University of California, presented a paper on "Recent Advances in Modern Pharmacology." This proved to be one of the most interesting and instructive papers the society has ever been favored with, and we heartily recommend Doctor Leake and his subject to other societies which might be interested in a modern, sensible and instructive presentation of the important subject of chemical therapeutics.

SAMUEL B. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held in the Bissell auditorium of the Cottage Hospital on Monday evening, March 9, with President H. J. Ullmann in the chair. After approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, Doctor Ullmann introduced Dr. Alson R. Kilgore of San Francisco, who gave an extremely interesting talk on "Breast Lesions with Precancerous Potentials," demonstrating his points with gross specimens and lantern slides.

His talk was discussed and questions asked by Doctors Brown, Robinson, Pierce, Ullmann, Nuzum, Evans, Schurmeier, and Williams.

The society then went into executive session, and communications from the California Medical Society regarding legislation were read and ordered filed.

An invitation from the Western Section of the American College of Surgeons to attend their meeting at Oakland April 23, 24, 25, and 26, was read.

It was then moved by Doctor Williams, and seconded by Doctor Brown and unanimously carried, that Dr. Harold Sidebotham be elected an honorary member of the society.

The application for membership in the county society of Dr. August L. Mollath of Guadalupe was read and was referred to the board of censors.

Dr. E. L. Markthaler, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, then read a report of their meeting regarding the public health program relative to endocrinology being carried on by the county health department, and the establishment of a staff in the Santa Maria hospital.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the report be adopted and filed in the minutes of this meeting.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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SONOMA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held at the Sonoma Mission Inn on March 12. The members of the society met with those of the county medical societies of Marin, Napa, and Solano counties. The purpose of the joint meeting was to welcome Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, president of the California Medical Association, and President-elect Junius B. Harris. An excellent dinner was served at 7 p. m., which was enjoyed by fifty physicians.

The meeting was then called to order by President A. Morse Bowles, who welcomed the officials of the California Medical Association and the members of the other county societies. Doctor Rogers introduced the speakers.

Dr. Junius B. Harris of Sacramento, chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, gave an interesting résumé of the various bills affecting the medical profession now up before the state legislature. He urged that the corresponding committee of each county society keep in touch with their representatives and stressed the fact that no county committee was to take any independent action, but was to work always through the state committee.

Doctor Kinney was then introduced and gave a most interesting and instructive talk. He is striving for a more intimate relation between the president's office and the various county societies, and is endeavoring to visit each county society in the state. He stressed the importance of a county society in each county, and stated that our State Association will be no stronger than its component county societies.

Each county society should promote public welfare and public health activities; undertake public health education, and contact state legislators through its Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.

He discussed briefly the question of state medicine and urged the medical profession to be in a position to adopt and dictate the policy of such a system, should it become a reality. Twenty-six countries in Europe and South America have already established state medicine.

He outlined the essentials of the future practice of good medicine as follows:

Preserving the personal relation between doctor and patient without governmental or other type of intervention.

Giving the best medicine to all classes, regardless of cost.

Preserving the ethical and economic status of physicians and keeping abreast with medical progress and the advancement of scientific medicine.

Doctor Kinney was heartily applauded for his splendid address. Following a few words of thanks by President Bowles, the meeting adjourned.

The following Sonoma County members were present: Doctors Wheeler, Baldwin, Patterson, Reiss, Rogers, Bowles, Yates, Seawell, Haskell, Peoples, Butler, Finnerty, Fleissner, Spear, Marsh, Shipley, Bogle, Carlson, and Pleth.

T. HUBERT REISS, *Secretary*.

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VENTURA COUNTY

The February meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, February 10. The meeting was called to order by President Wright at 8 p. m.

Members present were: Doctors D. D. Clark, King, Smolt, Bardill, Achenback, W. S. Clark, Felberbaum, Wright, Little, Hendricks, Rhymes, Mosher, Shore, Homer, and Armitstead.

The application of Dr. Artemas J. Strong was read and referred to the State Association for approval, to be then placed on file for the six months' waiting period.

There were no other transactions except a brief discussion in regard to a motion picture projector. No action was taken.

Business transactions were followed by an illustrated lecture on "Common Skin Diseases," which was well received. Doctor Anderson covered the diagnosis and treatment of conditions discussed.

After the completion of the scientific program, the meeting was adjourned.

R. B. ARMITSTEAD, *Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Alameda County—Caroline Cook Coffin, Eric, Lilien-crantz, Edward P. Rankin, Abilio Reis.

Butte County—J. W. Blemer.

Fresno County—Reginald Archie Hunt, Frank M. Sprague, Lester Ralph Nielsen.

Humboldt County—Edwin D. Barnett, Wilson Stegeman.

Los Angeles County—

George Oscar Berg
Hiram M. Currey
Herbert William Dasse
Joseph William Dasset
Leon O. Desimone
William J. Endres
Raoul P. Esnard
Joseph G. Evans

Carl Hamann Gans
David Garrison Ghrist
Morris Richard Gordon
Robert Kenneth Gustafson
Colby Hall
Rowland H. Harris
Robert D. Hyde
Carlyle P. Imerman

Marin County—Wilson Parker Goddard.

Monterey County—Frank E. Wiebe.

Napa County—Edmund Forrest Anderson.

Riverside County—George Wayland Coon, Harold William Naeckel.

Sacramento County—Paul Warren Frame, Ralph Shaw Graham, Hilding Rudolph Johnson, Hermann Edward Lorenz.

San Benito County—Joseph M. O'Donnell.

San Bernardino County—Cecil Everett Burk, Byron F. Mock, Leonard Elmer Daly.

San Francisco County—Leonard W. Buck, Frederick George Niemand, John F. Rickard.

San Luis Obispo County—Horace Hagen, Charles Henry Law, John Roy Ranson.

San Mateo County—Dewey F. Brown, Harry E. Mason, Meade Mohun, Hartzell H. Ray.

Siskiyou County—Peter Paul Baron, Joseph Langer.

Solano County—Arthur R. Thompson.

Sonoma County—Julius T. Rose.

Tulare County—Frank Ralph Guido, John R. Hicks, William A. Johnstone, Ardath H. Wightman.

Yuba-Sutter County—Irving Wilber Higgins.

Resignations

Elizabeth Arthurs, Phillis P. Bourne, Hans B. Christiansen, Anna M. Flynn, Robert L. Groves, Russell L. Guffey, Elizabeth Keys, Ernest H. Nast, all from San Francisco.

Ruth Burr, Robert Hector, Albert K. Merchant, Helene E. Schutz, all from Alameda County.

Thomas M. Evans, from San Diego County.

Transfers

Lela J. Beebe, from Yolo to Santa Barbara County.
Roger U. Campbell, from San Francisco to Contra Costa County.

M. Hugo Childress, from Alameda to Sacramento County.

Walter B. Felger, from Sacramento to Los Angeles County.

Thomas W. Hagerty, from Sacramento to San Joaquin County.

W. H. Kellogg, from San Francisco to Alameda County.

Lawrence R. Leidig, from Mendocino to Tulare County.

Frederick H. Olberg, from Butte to Shasta County.

Thomas Rea, from Alameda to Siskiyou County.

Joseph P. Schell, from Butte to Santa Clara County.

Herbert F. True, from San Francisco to Sacramento County.

Paul R. Walters, from Tulare to Alameda County.

Death

Garland, James Asa. Died February 15, 1931, age 60 years. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1896. Licensed in California, 1914. Doctor Garland was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

OBITUARY

Ambrose Franklin Cowden
1878-1931

It is indeed a sad, sad duty for me to have to speak to you, his friends, of the death of Dr. Ambrose F. Cowden. For this opportunity to pay tribute to Doctor Cowden, as I knew him in life, I am very grateful. I feel that I may evaluate his character as no one else can—his attitude toward life, mankind, and his profession.

For twenty-one years we were partners in the cares and responsibilities of our profession. The satisfactions and joys in the fight against sickness and death were mutual, and each knew that the disappointments of defeat were equally shared. We were more than friends, and to him I give the great measure of credit for the happiness of an association such as ours.

"Life is a sheet of paper, white
Whereon each man of us may write
His word or two—and then comes night."

The doctor's passing was that of a man who had not been allotted the long span of life given to many, but his professional years were intense and crowded with service to mankind. He accomplished the best that a physician can hope for, and was still writing "his word or two" when called so suddenly to rest before the sheet was filled. Being no respecter of persons, "Death, great proprietor of all, will seize the doctor, too."

When death calls us we may be proud if we can be sure of love and devotion such as that in which Doctor Cowden was held by the people of the community in which he lived, and of respect such as that Doctor Cowden held from his confrères with whom he worked. There is no greater honor than the love, respect and affection of one's intimate associates.

He was the best type of physician, and his splendid ability was coupled with that love of mankind which makes their joys his joys and their sorrows his deepest concern.

Ambrose Franklin Cowden was born at Forest Hill, Placer County, California, March 1, 1878; received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of California in the year 1905; served as intern one year and resident two years at St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, coming then to Santa Cruz to practice.

No citizen was more respected or better loved, nor ever could be by his patients. No neighbor was ever more appreciated. The profession and this society have lost a valuable member and one whose memory will last. He was a gentleman and a loyal friend; his integrity was above question.

(Signed) PERCY T. PHILLIPS.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE
CALIFORNIA MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION

On February 24 an executive board meeting was held at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles. Mrs. Percy, the state president of the auxiliary had invited all of the members of the board to be her guests at lunch and for the day. The meeting was a very delightful one, as those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend will recall. Those present were: Mesdames J. M. McCullough and C. R. Blake of Contra Costa County; W. L. Blodgett of Napa County; F. E. Coulter, G. Emmett Raitt, Dexter R. Ball of Orange County; W. H. Geistweit, Jr., and E. A. Blondin of San Diego County; H. J. Profant of Santa Barbara County; F. E. Clough of San Ber-

*As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, 2419 Bonnie Brae Street, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication. For roster of auxiliaries, see advertising page 6.

nardino County; Eliot Alden and James F. Percy of Los Angeles County; A. M. Henderson of Sacramento County.

It was gratifying to greet members from the four corners of the state, and was proof of the interest that is being taken in the auxiliary.

The program chairman, Mrs. F. E. Coulter of Orange County, gave a report and noted that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Oregon Medical Association has a very similar outline for study.

A letter from Mrs. T. A. Stoddard of San Francisco, state second vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary, stated that since there was no county auxiliary formed in San Francisco, the president of the San Francisco County Medical Society, Dr. Charles P. Mathé, and the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Medical Association, Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly, had appointed a special committee for the entertainment of visiting women. Mrs. Frank Hinman is chairman, and very full plans for the entertainment of visiting women are being developed.

Two county auxiliaries have been formed this year—those of Sacramento and San Luis Obispo.

After lunch a new constitution for the auxiliary was discussed and suggested changes were noted. The next convention, in San Francisco, will be presented with a draft as approved by the executive board of the California Medical Association and by the board of directors of the Woman's Auxiliary.

EDNA M. BALL, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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S. K. MORRISON.....	Trustees

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on the night of March 10 at the Nevada State Building. Doctor Creveling, president, officiated.

After the usual routine of business was dispensed with, the secretary read the approved applications of Doctors Welsh and Miller, both of Reno, for membership, which were accepted by the society. Resolutions of respect by the committee appointed for the death of Dr. J. B. Hardy, who died of pneumonia in Reno on February 19, 1931, were read and copies of same sent to relatives of deceased, and a copy to be spread on the minutes of the society.

There was a general discussion of the various sites suitable for the future veterans' hospital soon to be constructed in Nevada. Also, as this is the session of the Nevada state legislature, the need of a more active representation at the Capitol of an energetic judiciary committee. The Osteopathic Bill pending, to restrict the function of osteopathic physicians to the work of osteopathy, was discussed, but owing to the fact that the regular establishment of physicians and surgeons in Nevada are so willing that "James" should do it, little has been accomplished in progressive legislation.

Business and discussions disposed of, the society, which was represented with twenty members and six visitors, proceeded to enjoy an Eastman film made under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. The film was the professional picture of "Acute Appendicitis," offered by that company. The film was valuable and instructive.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary.*

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COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

BOX ELDER COUNTY

The meeting of the Box Elder County Medical Society was held on the evening of February 21.

The paper of the evening was by Doctor Luke on the subject of "Common Colds." The doctor pointed out the great economic loss entailed by colds, and stressed the point that many other diseases follow upon the condition commonly called a cold. He emphasized the fact that colds are an infectious condition and are spread from person to person, and often appear in epidemic form. Contagion is greatest in the early stages. Doctor Luke closed with a discussion of the use of preventive vaccines.

The paper was greatly enjoyed by those present, and it was the consensus of opinion in the meeting that it should be printed in the county papers.

R. A. PEARSE, *Secretary.*

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SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held on Monday evening, February 23, at the Salt Lake General Hospital. Twenty-two members and five visitors were present.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 o'clock by President F. M. McHugh, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

The clinical program was turned over to R. J. Alexander, president of the staff of the Salt Lake General Hospital. The following program was presented:

Acute Bacterial Endocarditis and Quinidin Treatment of Auricular Fibrillation, by Ralph Tandowsky; Partial Gastrectomy for Gastric Ulcer, by R. J. Alexander; Pemphigus Chronica, by W. L. Rich; Empyema, with Optochin Hydrochlorid, by W. H. Rothwell; Preliminary Report of Avertin Anesthesia (by request), by R. O. Johnson; and Bullet in Lumbar Vertebra, by L. C. Snow.

L. L. Daines was unanimously elected an associate member.

J. C. Brown presented a letter from the State Industrial Commission which was sent to the Utah State Medical Association and referred to charges made by members of the medical profession. After discussion by C. L. Shields, M. M. Critchlow, and S. L. Baldwin, S. L. Baldwin suggested that a copy of this letter be sent to every member of the Utah State Medical Association by the secretary of that organization.

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The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held Monday, March 9, at the Newhouse Hotel. Forty members and one visitor were present.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by President F. M. McHugh, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

Dr. Wilkie Blood spoke of his recent trip to Europe, with particular reference to European pediatrics, and Dr. Fuller B. Bailey discussed his recent European trip from the standpoint of the internist. These papers were discussed by Doctors J. Z. Brown, W. R. Tyndale, E. M. Neher, and C. C. R. Pugmire.

Doctors C. L. Shields and E. M. Neher reported for the Committee on Medical Economics. Dr. W. L. Rich moved that the committee be continued and be instructed to carry on further study of this matter. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. J. Z. Brown moved that a letter be sent to the Industrial Commission stating that the society wished to cooperate with this commission in regard to charges made by members of the society. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. D. G. Edmunds, chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, read a letter from the American Medical Association indicating their interest in the recent efforts of this committee.

Dr. C. L. Shields moved that the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation meet with the directors of the Congregational Church to lay before them some facts regarding recent quasi-medical lectures. This motion was discussed by Doctors Ray Woolsey, J. A. Phipp, J. Jeidell, D. G. Edmunds, James Kerby, and G. H. Pace. This motion was lost.

Dr. M. M. Critchlow moved that a letter be sent to the Denver and San Francisco medical societies informing them of the contemplated lecture courses to be given by R. I. Shadduck in these cities. Motion seconded and carried.

Dr. Ray Woolsey read a letter from K. S. L. regarding broadcasting fees, and moved that the society accept the offer of a commercial house to announce the new telephone classification of doctors. This motion was lost.

The application of Dr. J. M. Schaffer was read. Dr. Ray Woolsey moved that the application be acted upon in the usual way. Motion seconded and carried.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.

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UTAH COUNTY

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Utah County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Roberts on Wednesday evening, February 18, at 6:30 o'clock.

As usual, a very enjoyable supper preceded the business and scientific program.

Dr. T. A. Flood of Salt Lake City read a very entertaining and instructive paper on "Certain Laboratory Procedures that are Essential in Diagnosis."

CHARLES M. SMITH, *Secretary*.

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WEBER COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Weber County Medical Society was held February 26 at the Hotel Bigelow. A banquet preceded the meeting at which President E. P. Mills presided.

Dr. I. K. Cummings, formerly a member of the Hawaii Medical Society, was unanimously voted a member of the Weber County Medical Society.

Dr. M. J. Seidner gave an interesting and instructive report of the various European clinics which he had recently attended.

CONRAD H. JENSON, *Secretary*.

Cotton Mather and Smallpox.—History tells us that at divers times and in sundry places scientific endeavor has suffered at the hands of the Church, or at the instigation of members of the Church, either lay or ecclesiastic. In fact, today public health is being menaced by ignorant and self-appointed agents of the divine plan in this particular and important public problem. Tradition has it that up through the mists and clouds of superstition and ignorance, science and scientific men have been the torch bearers of truth, letting in their light on dark places.

An extremely interesting sidelight upon this time-honored tradition is to be found in a recent biography of Benjamin Franklin, by Bernard Fay, a French scholar.

About 1721 A. D. a great discussion was in progress throughout the world: should inoculation be used to combat smallpox. At that time inoculation was known and had been used experimentally in regions of the Near East, and especially in Turkey. There resided in Constantinople Lady Mary Montagu, wife of the English Ambassador to Turkey, who became an inoculation enthusiast, so that in 1719

she brought this discovery to London. Shortly thereafter there appeared in the proceedings of the Royal Scientific Society of London a study of inoculation as it was practiced in the Levant and, in due course of time, copies found their way to Boston and came into the hands of Mather and Douglas. Mather, the exalted enthusiast, became an immediate partisan, while Douglas, with his solid scientific culture, thought such an idea from such a backward and superstitious community to be absurd.

After two years of almost daily predictions of dire calamity by Mather, the blow fell. In May 1721, eight cases of smallpox appeared in Boston. This grew to an epidemic and the disease raged the entire summer, the entire winter, and on into the spring of 1722. During this time a violent struggle was in progress between the inoculators, headed by Mather, and the anti-inoculators with Douglas and his friends at the helm. Franklin's brother James lent the support of his paper to the radical group, with whom he was in sympathy. This paper was called the *New England Courant*. Benjamin, at that time a boy of sixteen, was setting type for his older brother. Early during the epidemic there appeared a statement on its pages: "The chief design of the *New England Courant* is to oppose the doubtful and dangerous practice of inoculating the smallpox." A club was organized by the so-called liberals, called "The Society of Physicians Anti-Inoculator." The members of this group swore, above all, to abuse Mather. By order of the society, one Dalhonde published a statement in which he affirmed that he had seen this matter tried out in the French Army twenty-five years ago with deplorable results. In every number of the *Courant*, Mather was attacked as well as the ministers and any others who were assisting him to inoculate the terrified inhabitants. Phrases like the following were common: "Most of the ministers are for it and it induces me to think it is from the Devil, for he often makes use of good men as instruments to obtrude his delusions on the world."

To further torment Mather this group attacked his membership in the Royal Scientific Society of London by publishing a list of the members that was posted in public, showing that his name was not upon the official roster. (It was true that he was a member, but before being listed he must appear personally in London to be officially received.) Not only did this accusation against Mather serve to enrage him more than anything else had succeeded in doing, but it influenced many neutrals to the support of the anti group. Finally a bomb was thrown through Mather's window during the early hours of the morning where a sick minister was lodged at the time and about to be inoculated. An insulting note was attached to the bomb: "Dam you, I will inoculate you with this, with a pox to you." Mather was saved because in transit the fuse had fallen out, which bit of good fortune he attributed to the providence of God. His reply to this last and attempted physical attack, aided by a group of churchmen favorable to inoculation, was made by pamphlet: "A vindication of the ministers of Boston from the abuses and scandals lately set upon them." It appears that at about this time government agents became interested and the sounds of battle died away.

The results of inoculation during this epidemic are highly interesting although by no means conclusive. The high point of interest is to note the position of the profession of that date, if so it could be dignified, in this matter. Also the leadership of the inoculators, a Puritan preacher, who in those days would have been quite justified in opposing inoculation upon the ground that the Almighty had sent this scourge upon the people for some good purpose known only to Him and Mather. There were 6045 cases of smallpox. The Mathers inoculated 286 and in this group there were six deaths, a mortality rate of about two per cent. There were 844 deaths in the balance, the group whose interests had been fostered by the anti-inoculators, a mortality rate of about 14 per cent.—Wilfred S. Dennis, M. D., *Colorado Medicine*, September, 1930.